

The Mining Excitements of California.

A writer in the Overland Monthly give a pleasant sketch of the mining excitements of California.

The discovery of the Australian mines occurred in 1851, at the time when the California diggings were still in a very productive condition.

The Kern River excitement, in the spring of 1856, surpassed everything that had preceded it. In this case, as in several others which had preceded it, a number of false letters, written undoubtedly with a malicious purpose, were published.

For nearly three years the mines of California had comparative quiet, and then in the spring of 1858 came the news that rich auriferous deposits had been discovered on the banks of Fraser river, within a hundred miles of its mouth.

These facts justified the assumption, which, however, was not verified, that the valley of the Fraser must be richer in gold than that of the Sacramento in 1849, and this presumption was the main cause of the Fraser fever.

These men welcomed the rumors that a new California had been found, the basis of the Fraser with joy and enthusiasm. They would not wait for the verification of the rumors. They would not allow others more confident than themselves to go and take up all the good claims.

San Francisco, although the adventurers purchased their supplies and spent money here while waiting for the vessels that were to carry them off, suffered also. There was a great decrease in the value of city lands.

Through there were thousands of skillful miners of Fraser river, to the 10th of July, there was \$100,000 in dust had arrived in San Francisco. Their letters to their friends were not encouraging. They had been told before starting that the river was high with melting snow, and that the bars would not be accessible until low water should come with midwinter, and they were willing to wait but did not pay like the high bars of the Yuba and Feather in 1849; and there were no ravine diggings like those of California.

The Queen of England, writes an American in London, has so far yielded to the public pressure as to return somewhat to public life. She announced a series of drawing-rooms and levees, greatly to the satisfaction of London and the people.

At 10 o'clock, at the station, about three miles from the station to Buckingham Palace, was lined with people anxious to catch sight of the Queen. Notwithstanding the talk of the papers, she is immensely popular with the people.

She is thoroughly a good woman. She is exceedingly liberal in her notions. Many of her personal attendants are dissenters, and she encourages their attendance at dissenting chapels, to the great disgust of ultra churchmen.

RAILROAD LINES.

PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON, AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.—TIME TABLE, FROM MONDAY, MAY 19, 1869.—Trains will leave Depot corner Broad street and Washington avenue, as follows:—

Way Mail Train at 4:30 A. M. (Sundays excepted), for Baltimore, stopping at all regular stations. Connecting with Delaware Railroad at Wilmington for Philadelphia and intermediate stations.

Express Train at 12 M. (Sundays excepted) for Baltimore and Washington, stopping at Wilmington, Perryville, and Havre-de-Grace. Connects at Wilmington with train for New York.

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From Baltimore, the Express leaves Baltimore 7:25 A. M., 10:30 A. M., 1:30 P. M., 4:30 P. M., Express 7:25 P. M., Express 7:25 P. M., Express.

SUNBAY TRAIN FROM BALTIMORE. Leaves Baltimore at 7:25 P. M., stopping at Magnolia, Perryman's, Aberdeen, Havre-de-Grace, Perryville, Charlestown, North-East, Elkton, Newark, Stanton, Newark, Elkton, Claymont, Linwood, and Chester.

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READING RAILROAD.—GREAT TRUNK LINE FROM PHILADELPHIA TO THE INTERIOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE SCHUYLKILL, SUSQUEHANNA, CUMBERLAND, AND WYOMING VALLEYS, AND THE NORTH, NORTHWEST, AND THE CANADAS.

SPRING ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS, APRIL 21, 1869. Leaving the Company's Depot at Thirtieth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia, at the following hours:—

MORNING ACCOMMODATION. At 7:30 A. M. for Reading and all intermediate Stations, and at 8:00 P. M. for Philadelphia at 9:15 P. M.

MORNING EXPRESS. At 8:15 A. M. for Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Pottsville, Pinegrove, Tamaqua, Sunbury, Williamsport, Elmira, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, New York, York, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Hagerstown, etc.

AFTERNOON EXPRESS. Leaves Philadelphia at 3:30 P. M. for Reading, Pottsville, Harrisburg, etc., connecting with Reading and Columbia Railroad trains for Columbia, etc.

POTTSTOWN ACCOMMODATION. Leaves Pottstown at 6:25 A. M., stopping at intermediate stations; arrives in Philadelphia at 8:40 A. M. Returning, leaves Philadelphia at 4:30 P. M., arriving at Pottstown at 6:25 P. M.

READING ACCOMMODATION. Leaves Reading at 7:30 A. M., stopping at all way stations; arrives in Philadelphia at 10:15 A. M. Returning, leaves Philadelphia at 5:15 P. M.; arrives in Reading at 8:05 P. M.

CHESTER VALLEY RAILROAD. Passengers for Downingtown and intermediate points will leave at 7:30 A. M. from Philadelphia. Returning from Downingtown at 6:10 A. M., 1:00 and 3:45 P. M.

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY RAILROAD. Passengers for Skippack take 7:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. trains from Philadelphia, returning from Skippack at 8:15 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. Stage lines for Pottsville, Harrisburg, and York connect with trains at Callowhill and Skippack.

RAILROAD LINES.

1869.—FOR NEW YORK.—THE CAMDEN AND DELAWARE RAILROAD COMPANIES' LINES FROM PHILADELPHIA TO NEW YORK, AND WAY PLACES.

FROM WALNUT STREET DEPOT. At 6:00 A. M., via Camden and Amboy, Express 6:25 at 8 A. M., via Camden and Jersey City, Express 6:30 at 7:30 A. M., via Camden and Jersey City, Express 6:30 at 8 P. M., for Amboy and intermediate stations.

FROM KENSINGTON DEPOT. At 11 A. M., via Kensington and Jersey City, New York Express Line, Fare, 35c. At 1:30 P. M., via Kensington and Jersey City, Trenton and Bristol, and at 10:15 A. M. and 6 P. M. for Bristol.

FROM WEST PHILADELPHIA DEPOT. At 9:30 A. M., 1:30, 4, 6, 8, 12 P. M. New York Express Lines, via Jersey City, Fare, 35c. At 11:30 P. M., Emigrant Line, Fare, 35c.

FROM WEST PHILADELPHIA DEPOT. At 9:30 A. M., 1:30, 4, 6, 8, 12 P. M., for Trenton, Camden, and New York. At 12 P. M. (Night), for Morrisville, Tullytown, Schuylkill, Reading, Pottsville, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, and Philadelphia.

FROM MARKET STREET DEPOT (UPPER SIDE). At 7:30 A. M., 1:30, 4, 6, 8, 12 P. M., for Merionville, Moorestown, Hartford, Blauvelt, Hainesport, Mount Holly, Switzville, Evansville, Vineland, Birmingham, and Philadelphia.

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AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, Nos. 139 and 141 N. 8th Street. SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND STOCKS. June 8, at 10 o'clock, noon, at the Esplanade, will include:—

WALNUT ST. No. 415—Valuable Residence. DILLON'S No. 415—Valuable Residence. WALNUT No. 125—Harrison's Modern Residence, 21 by 25 feet, discovery of mineral springs, R. R. Co. WALNUT No. 107—Harrison's Modern Residence, 21 by 25 feet, discovery of mineral springs, R. R. Co.

VALUABLE MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS. June 8, at 4 o'clock, including works on engineering, navigation, mathematics, works, various Novels, fine editions, Poets, etc. 6:30

Handsome Walnut Parlor, Dining Room, and Chamber Furniture, including Carpets, Brackets, and Other Carvings, etc. June 9, at 10 o'clock, at No. 213 S. State street, by catalogue, the entire furniture, comprising handsome Walnut Parlor, Dining Room, and Chamber Furniture, including Carpets, Brackets, and Other Carvings, etc.

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